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**Florida Department of Health Issues Daily Update on COVID-19
~Hospitalizations, Positive Test Results, Long-Term Care Facilities and Fatalities
Continue to Show Significant Movement in the Right Direction~**

TALLAHASSEE — The Florida Department of Health (DOH), in order to provide more comprehensive data, releases a report each day on COVID-19.

Hospitalizations:

Today, data reported to the Agency for Health Care Administration shows that the number of COVID-19 positive patients that are currently hospitalized is down more than 70 percent since July. As posted on the Agency for Health Care Administration's hospitalization [dashboard](#) at 11:30 a.m., there are 2,480 current hospitalizations with a primary diagnosis of COVID-19.

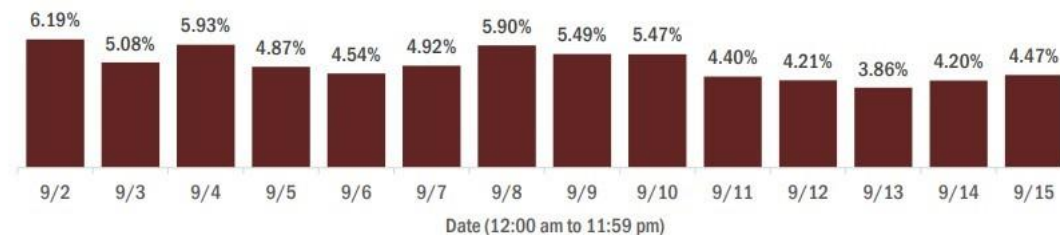
Positive test results:

- Yesterday's statewide positivity rate for new cases is 4.47 percent.
- Yesterday was the thirty-fifth straight day below 10 percent positivity of new cases.

Percent positivity for new cases in Florida residents

The percent of positive results ranged from 3.86% to 6.19% over the past 2 weeks and was 4.47% yesterday.

This percent is the number of people who test PCR- or antigen-positive for the first time divided by all the people tested that day, excluding people who have previously tested positive.



Overall testing:

- Yesterday, test results for more than 57,100 individuals were reported to DOH.
- As of September 16, 671,201 individuals have tested positive for COVID-19 in Florida.

Persons tested: Includes PCR and antigen test results received by the Department of Health from the state public health laboratory (BPHL), as well as commercial and hospital laboratories

	Florida residents	Non-Florida residents
Total tested	4,970,495	20,598
Positive	663,234	7,967
Negative	4,300,230	12,592
Inconclusive	7,031	39
Awaiting testing	3,760	33
Cumulative percent positivity (based on positive and negative results from March 1 - present)	 13.36%	 38.75%

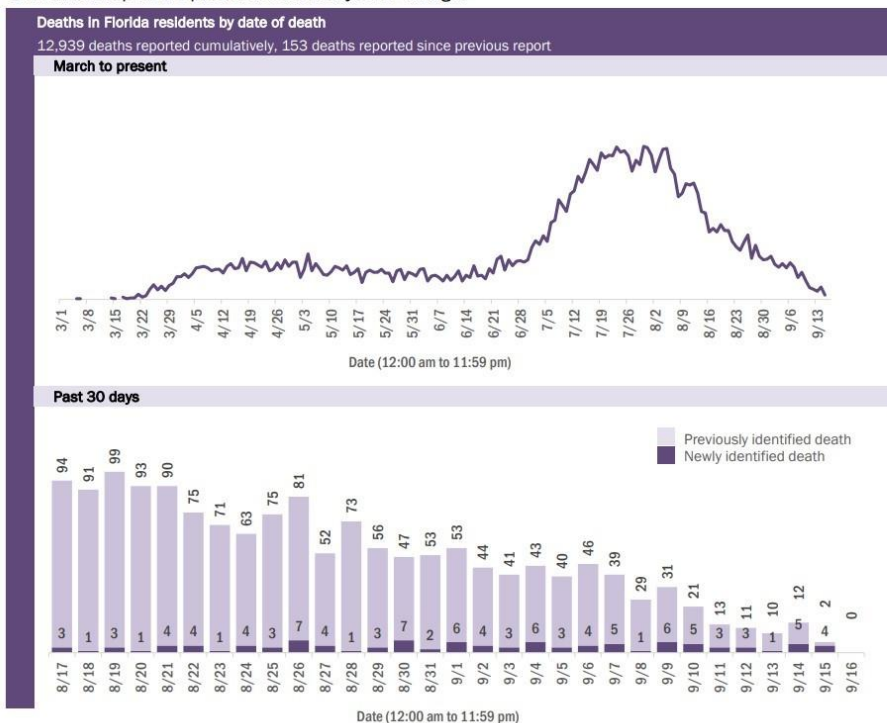
Fatalities by date of passing:

Today, data reported to DOH shows there has been a steady decline in the number of reported Florida resident deaths who were previously diagnosed with COVID-19. The first week of August compared to the first week of September, shows a 74 percent decrease in the average number of reported COVID-19 related deaths.

COVID-19: cases in Florida residents who have died

Data through Sep 15, 2020 verified as of Sep 16, 2020 at 09:25 AM

Data in this report are provisional and subject to change.



Florida long-term care facility data:

- The list of long-term care facilities with active COVID-19 cases is available [here](#).
- The list of long-term care facilities with deaths is available [here](#), which is updated weekly.
- To date, 5,320 individuals that were staff or residents of a long-term care facility have died.

In order to make the daily COVID-19 report easier to download and more accessible, the daily report separates case line data in a separate PDF. The case line data report is available [here](#). The state also provides a report detailing surveillance data for every Florida county, which is available [here](#). The antibody COVID-19 test results report will be provided once a week and contains county, race and lab information on antibody COVID-19 tests conducted in Florida. The report for antibody tests conducted by private health care providers is available [here](#) and the report for antibody tests conducted at state-supported COVID-19 testing sites is available [here](#).

More information on a case-by-case basis can also be found [here](#).

Confirmed Cases in Florida Residents	663,234
Confirmed by DOH	23,611
Tested by private labs	639,623
Characteristics of Florida Resident Cases	
FL resident diagnosed & isolated out of state*	8
Deaths	12,939
Cases in Non-Florida Residents	7,967
Confirmed by DOH	248
Tested by private labs	7,719

Total Cases Overview	671,201
Traveled	5,268
Contact with confirmed case	233,599
Travel & contact with confirmed case	5,561
Unknown and Under Investigation	418,806

* Florida residents that are diagnosed with COVID-19 and isolated out of state are not reflected on the Florida map.

More Information on COVID-19

To find the most up-to-date information and guidance on COVID-19, please visit the Department of Health's dedicated [COVID-19 webpage](#). For information and advisories from Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), please visit the [CDC COVID-19 website](#), this website is also available in Spanish and Creole. For more information about current travel advisories issued by the U.S. Department of State, please visit the [travel advisory website](#).

For any other questions related to COVID-19 in Florida, please contact the Department's dedicated COVID-19 Call Center by calling **1-866-779-6121**. **The Call Center is available 24 hours per day**. Inquiries may also be emailed to **COVID-19@flhealth.gov**.

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